GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:749
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PROVISION OF HEPATITIS-B VACCINE IN RAILWAY HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of Railway employees are suffering from Hepatitis-B virus;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any immunisation programme for Hepatitis-B for Railway staff and their family members is under implementation;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not the reasons therefor;

(g) whether all the Railway hospitals are fully equipped to provide Hepatitis-B vaccine as and when required;

(h) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(i) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) No, Sir. A large number of Railway employees are not suffering from Hepatitis-B.

(b)&(c) Do not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir. Immunisation Programme for Hepatitis-B for Railway staff & their Family members is under implementation. All the Railway beneficiaries are given Hepatitis-B vaccination as per National Immunization Policy on demand.

(e) The Vaccine is available in all Railway Hospitals and Health Units across the Country. The Vaccine is given to the Railway beneficiaries as per guidelines of National Immunization Programme. The Vaccine is also given as and when demanded by Railway beneficiaries.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(h) & (i) Do not arise.